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THE "PEONS" LIKE HAWAII.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ADMINISTRATION?

Government control and administration of the water rights and railroad rights in the Kapaa-Waipouli district of Kauai may be evolved from the present tangle of claims and rivalry of private interests.

It is apparent that the homesteader is being ground between the upper and the nether millstone, and unless the territorial government takes a strong stand upon a constructive scheme, the traditional competition of Makee and Lihue may continue. Nor will it be at all easy for the government to turn over its valuable rights upon an equitable basis. The complexities of the situation make it a task of herculean proportions to parcel out the various public rights to private corporations and be sure that the government is getting value received for value given, or be sure that the homesteader is guaranteed against future clashes of the powerful plantations.

Government ownership is not likely to meet with favor as a general rule for handling such natural resources in Hawaii. It is quite impossible to eliminate the factor of politics, and even were it eliminated under this administration, it might creep back—or be boldly thrust back—by the next. The injection of politics into industry means less of efficiency, more waste of public funds. But on Kauai the situation is so tangled that the government might in despair of reaching an equitable agreement for leasing the land, water and railroad rights, cut cleanly through the maze of conflicting claims and decide itself to develop, distribute and sell the water and administer in the district a big public project. If the rights are as valuable as they appear to be from the vigor with which the fight is being made to secure them, then there should be comparatively little trouble for the territory to finance such a project.

DIRECTOR JAGGAR'S REPORT.

Director T. A. Jaggar's report on the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory should stimulate interest both in the study of Hawaiian volcanoes and in the support of the observatory itself. The director has characteristically refrained from mentioning the years of devoted work he and his assistants are giving to this station and the observations there. Their reward is in adding to accurate knowledge, in scientific achievement and in knowing that the body of information they are gathering concerning Hawaii's volcanoes may be of tremendous value some day in forewarning against outbreak or earthquake. Yet these scientists would be more than human if they were above appreciating popular support and contemporary interest here in Hawaii. To a large extent theirs is a thankless task, but if the members of the Hawaiian Volcano Research Association will inject into their organization some of the glowing interest and enthusiasm shown by Director Jaggar and Mr. Thurston, they will have no trouble in securing the modest sum the director estimates as necessary to put the station on a permanent and adequate basis.

The public should secure printed copies of the report and read of the fine work being done at Kilauea.

By the way, if the majority of successful lawyers at 60 years of age should be investigated like Mr. Brandeis, how would their careers show up in the limelight?—San Francisco News-Letter.

The vehement gentlemen who like to refer to the Filipino laborers in Hawaii as hard-driven "peons" should read up on the statistics of this alleged pernicious labor system carried out by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association. The figures—compiled in Manila, by the way—show that the Filipinos not only are anxious to come to Hawaii, but the great majority are anxious to stay. The Manila Times of March 6 publishes the following:

"That the sugar plantations of Hawaii are increasing in popularity among the laborers of the Philippine Islands, is the inference to be drawn from the statistical reports given out this morning at the Hawaiian division of the bureau of labor. An increase of about 50 per cent is reported in the number of Filipino laborers who left the islands for Hawaii in 1915, compared with the number of those who set out for Hawaii in 1914.

"A total of 2150 laborers left the islands during the past year as compared with only 1295 during the year 1914. Among those who left in 1915, 1777 were men, 180 were women and 193 were of minor age. Cebu sent the most laborers during the past year, having a total of 648, while Negros Occidental came second with 339, and Ilocos Norte third with 250.

"During the past year only 347 laborers returned to the Philippines from Hawaii, of whom 20 were men, 40 were women, and 47 were of minor age. Another bunch of about a hundred men again set out for Hawaii today on the Nippon Maru."

Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio has been picked as the temporary chairman of the Republican national convention at Chicago next June. Senator Harding is a good friend of this territory. He visited the islands shortly before taking his seat in Congress and went away a firm supporter of the protective tariff on sugar. He comes from the state commonly known as "the mother of presidents," he has a strong personal and political following; his possibilities in politics are steadily broadening. Stranger things happen than that the Chicago convention, after balloting vainly for favorite sons and presidential "hopes" should compromise on Senator Harding.

U. S. Marshal Smiddy finds brothel houses flaunting their evils outside the Iwilei district—and still people repeat the old, old, comfortable formula that commercial vice must be restricted. The trouble is that it never is.

Members of the German Reichstag profess great friendship for the United States but are unable to see why submarine warfare on merchant ships should not be pushed to the furthest extent.

Portugal must be in this war as a substitute hitter. Anyhow, she hasn't shown in the regular game as yet, and she's been signed up for more than two weeks.—Detroit Free Press.

News item: "The U. S. Weather Bureau has officially declared that forecasting weather by observations of sun-spots is worthless."

At the end of the first lap Villa leads, with Uncle Sam a good second and Carranza a bad third.

By the way, what system of weather prediction can be guaranteed?

MILLS STUDENTS IN DECLAMATION CONTEST TONIGHT

Will Compete in Wilcox Hall for Wall & Dougherty Trophy

Competing for the Wall & Dougherty declamation trophy, students of Mills school will hold their fourth annual declamation contest tonight at 7:45 o'clock in Wilcox Hall, Mills School.

The program is as follows:
Song Selected
Mills School Glee Club
"The Victory of Marengo" Anonymous
Kiyochi Doi
"First Oration Against Catiline" Cicero
August Pank
"Ivy—A Song of the Huguenots" Macaulay
Matsu Watada
"Nations and Humanity" Curtis
Ahn Soon Nam
Song Selected
Mills School Glee Club
"American Government Unique" Webster
Henry Lee
"Disregard for Law" Anonymous
Dang Tai Hee
Robert Emmet's Last Speech Part Tal Sool
"The Man for the Crisis" Adapted
Ten Char
Song Selected
Mills School Glee Club
Judges—David C. Peters, Miss Maud Hastings, Mr. Arthur E. Larimer.

Personal Mention

POSTMASTER WILLIAM F. YOUNG is leaving on the Mauna Kea this afternoon for Hilo to see Kilauea volcano. He will meet Postoffice Inspector Thomas J. Flavin there and both will go on up to the crater, returning to Honolulu on the Mauna Kea next Tuesday morning.

CHARLES R. FORBES, superintendent of public works, and Ingram M. Stainback, attorney-general, are expected back from Kauai, where they went with the governor's party Thursday, tomorrow. Henry O'Sullivan, secretary of the public utilities commission, will also return.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—C. W. PARKS, public works officer, Pearl Harbor: I see A. P. Taylor advises young men not to come here unless they have a job secured in advance. Well, if a cable splicer or two would blow into Honolulu from the coast tomorrow I would give them work enough. There are only two in the islands now. I've got one and the telephone company has the other.

SISTER BONAVENTURA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS NUN COMES TOMORROW

Fifty years of faithful service as a nun, much of this time at the Kaplan Girls' Home, will be remembered tomorrow. Sister Bonaventura, superior sister at the home, will tomorrow have her fiftieth anniversary as a nun.

Sister Bonaventura became a nun on April 9, 1866. Called to Honolulu by an invitation from King Kalakaua to minister to those detained at the detention camp, and later transferred to organize the large Malulani hospital in Maui, the sister has won for herself not only a name as a working Christian woman, but has a very wide circle of friends, many of whom will call and offer kind wishes. Her later life has been spent as the head of the Kaplan home for girls of leprosy parents, where she is much beloved.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS NEW C. U. COMMITTEE

A mysterious committee of 100 has been appointed by the standing committee of Central Union church. None of the appointed members of this committee know why they were appointed, nor what they are to do, and they are puzzled because their letter of appointment says that the meeting next Wednesday evening at 8:15 will probably be the last and only meeting—as it is the first—of the committee. E. T. Chase, clerk of the standing committee, signed the appointments.

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BIG NAVAL BALL FOR RELIEF WORK WILL BE MAY 12

Social and Benevolent Event to Be Given in National Guard Armory

Friday evening, May 12, is the date set for the Navy Relief ball to be given in the armory under the auspices of the ladies of the Pearl Harbor naval station, headed by Mrs. C. J. Boush, wife of Admiral Boush.

This will be one of the social events of the season, and the object for which it is given is so well known to Honolulu people that it is sure to be given enthusiastic support.

The navy relief organization provides for the families of men who have lost their lives in the service of the navy. A very efficient organization looks after the expenditure of the funds and owing to the importance of the Pearl Harbor naval station it is hoped that the people of Honolulu will show a corresponding appreciation of the necessity to provide for the unfortunate.

Elaborate plans are making for the ball. Music will be furnished by the Royal Hawaiian band and the 25th Infantry band. The decorations will feature an electrical display which alone will be well worth the price of admission. Society, wealth and beauty will be out in force.

Box seat and dance tickets are on sale at Wall & Dougherty's.

SANTA FE WILL HAVE EXCURSION RATES TO EAST

Sale dates and fares of the Santa Fe "Back East" summer excursions for 1916 were announced today by General Agent H. E. Vernon of the Santa Fe's Honolulu office.

For the round-trip from San Francisco to New York the railway has announced a rate of \$110.50. To Chicago the fare is \$72.50, to Kansas City \$60, to Denver \$55, and to other principal cities of the country, from West to East, other proportionately reduced fares are effective.

The first of the sale dates is in June and tickets will also be on sale through July, August and September. The tickets are good for the return trip until 90 days from date of sale, with the final return limit October 31. In addition to these excursions special round-trip rates will be made to Buffalo, N. Y., in July and August; to Detroit, Mich., in June; to Cincinnati, O., in July; to Davenport, Ia., the latter part of July, and to Chattanooga, Tenn., in September.

J. J. Byrne, assistant passenger traffic manager, has informed agents of the excursions fares.

TENDERS FOR LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND ROAD BUILDING ARE OPENED

Tenders for laundry machinery for the girls' industrial school and the boys' industrial school and for the construction of a road at Wihohai, Maui, were opened in the offices of the department of public works at noon today. The von Hamm-Young company was the only bidder on the machinery for the girls' school, asking \$1150. It was the low bidder on the boys' school equipment, asking \$1572.50, while the Honolulu Iron Works Company asked \$1806.

On the Wihohai beach lot road J. C. Foss, Jr., bid \$2905 and asked 30 days' time in which to do the work. William Cullen wanted \$4050 and 75 days. Award of all three contracts will be made by Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, on his return from Kauai.

957 MORE JAPANESE ARE BORN THAN DIE IN FIRST QUARTER OF YEAR 1916

Nearly a thousand more Japanese were born in Hawaii than died during the first quarter of this year. There was an excess of births over deaths of 957. Figures tabulated from reports in the hands of the local Japanese consulate show that there were 1316 births during the first three months, of which 664 were males and 652 female; 359 deaths, of which 215 were males and 144 females.

For March alone there was an excess of births over deaths of 399—417 births and but 127 deaths.

MANAGERS OF PRINTING SHOPS ADOPT PLAN FOR Y. M. C. A. SCHOOL

Twenty-four Honolulu Boys to Be Put on Payrolls When System is Inaugurated

Half-time at work and half-time at school with full-time apprentice pay and the opportunity to learn a high-grade trade. This is in a nutshell the plan of the Y. M. C. A. cooperative printer's apprentice school which the managers of the printing shops of Honolulu adopted yesterday.

Twenty-four boys will be put on the payrolls of the shops when the school opens on August 1. Two of these boys will be assigned to each particular job; and here is where the novel feature of the scheme enters. One of these boys will work in the shop learning the trade in the morning, while his partner at school studies related subjects at the Y. M. C. A. In the afternoon the boys exchange places; the boy who was at school in the morning goes to the shop and the boy from the shop goes to school. Thus each boy studies one-half of each day and works in the shop one-half. On Saturday morning both boys go to work; and pay day at the shop on Saturday is the feature of the school plan which will be to the apprentice boys perhaps the most interesting.

At a meeting of the managers of the local printing shops with representatives of the Y. M. C. A. educational committee at the Commercial Club yesterday noon the details connected with the apprentice school were arranged. Each of the shops will take a definite number of the boys in the school and the boys will sign apprentice agreements with the shop for which they work. The course of study to be given in the school has been worked out by the association in conference with the foremen from the shops and will embody some new features and very practical school features.

"Our plan is a good one," says E. A. Berndt, chairman of the association educational committee. "We are making an attempt to solve the old problem of 'connecting the boy with a job.' We not only help boys get fitted into vocations, but give them the necessary education to become skilled workmen. The trade itself will be learned in the shop under trade conditions and the related schooling given in our newly organized Y. M. C. A. day school by a faculty of men-instructors who will keep in close touch with the work of the boys in the shop. The spirit with which the printers are cooperating in the plan makes it evident that boys in Honolulu who are ambitious to learn the printing trade will have the best of opportunity to do so."

Applications for positions as apprentices will be received at the Y. M. C. A., according to details to be announced later.

NEW FILING RULE MADE FOR LOCAL U. S. COURT

Hereafter all documents presented in federal court must be filed flat and "ded," with the caption of each case on a separate sheet in front and room for the clerk's filing stamp; according to a new court rule announced today by Judge Charles F. Clemens. The paper filed must not exceed 8½ by 13 inches, and the new rule applies to all cases entered after next Monday, including commissioner's papers.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BORN.

MALLOCA—In Honolulu, April 5, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Malloca of River street, a son—Rafael Dias.

KIRSTEIN—In the Department Hospital, Fort Shafter, Honolulu, March 29, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kirstein of 1109 Tenth avenue, Kaimuki, a daughter.

SCHWEIZER—In the Department Hospital, Fort Shafter, Honolulu, March 22, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. George Garfield Schweizer of Pearl Harbor, a son.

CHU—In Honolulu, March 15, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Chu Fook Ding of Pao road, a daughter—Yee Moi.

ANTOKU—In Honolulu, March 5, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Menokichi Antoku of 1232 Liliha street, a son—Haruo.

MARRIED.

LEGROS-WARNER—In Honolulu, April 7, 1916, Edmund M. Legros and Miss Edna Warner, Rev. Father H. Valentin, pastor of the Catholic Church of St. Augustine-by-the-Sea, Waikiki, officiating; witnesses—Ernest Kaai and Lucille Legros.

KAIHE-MC SHANE—In Ewa, Oahu, April 6, 1916, William Kaihe of Pearl

City and Miss Lizzie McShane of Kalauea, Ewa, Rev. William Kamau, pastor of the Ewa Hawaiian Congregational Church, officiating; witnesses—Anna M. Kamau and William K. Kamau.

FARR-HATTIE—In Hilo, Hawaii, April 3, 1916, N. S. Farr and Miss Alice Hattie, Rev. George Laughton, pastor of the First Foreign Church of Hilo, officiating; witnesses—James Hattie and Mrs. J. A. Hattie.

DIED.

ALINA—In Honolulu, April 7, 1916, Alina, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kaskin, a native of this city, seven years, ten months and six days old. Funeral today; interment in the Kalaepohaku cemetery.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Shitaro Matsukawa, Japanese.....32

Kasayo Nishiguma, Japanese.....30

Pedro Colon, Porto Rican.....32

Isabel Ornelas, Portuguese.....18

William Perry, Jr., Part-Hawaiian.....41

Annie Mahili, Hawaiian.....40

Kin Look, Chinese.....25

Kum Lo, Chinese.....25

A. L. Rockwell, American.....24

Lydia Prestidge, Part-Hawaiian.....19

BIRTH CERTIFICATES NOT TO BE ISSUED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

Applicants for the new birth certificates to be issued by the territory have flooded the office of the secretary in the capitol for the last few days but have all been turned away.

Although the new regulations are in effect all the necessary forms have not been printed and there are other practical difficulties to prevent the issuance of the certificates. It will be several weeks, according to W. W. Thayer, territorial secretary, before application blanks will be ready.

MARRIAGES

With Rev. Fr. H. Valentin officiating, Edmund M. Legros and Miss Edna Warner were married at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in St. Augustine's chapel, Waikiki. The witnesses were Miss Lucille Legros, sister of the bridegroom, and Ernest Kaai. The couple met in San Diego last fall, the bride arriving here in the last Great Northern. Following a brief honeymoon in the country, Mr. and Mrs. Legros will be at home in Honolulu.